HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869 By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Billy Joe Sanders on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe Sanders is one such outstanding person who has served with distinction as a dedicated educator for 36 years, 33 of which have been in Hardeman County, the last 12 as superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe Sanders was born January 7, 1934, in Hardeman County and graduated from Bolivar Central High School in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe served his country proudly for three years in Korea, and with the 10th Division in Bavaria, Germany; and

WHEREAS, following his military service Mr. Sanders attended Union University and later received a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Blue Mountain College. He completed the Master's program in Education Administration at Memphis State University, and continued post-graduate work at Memphis State and at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years of work as an educator, Mr. Sanders served for three years as Federal Projects Coordinator for the Pontotoc City Schools in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and served as president of the Hardeman County Education Association; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Joe Sanders exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean, and through his skill and motivation, has helped to set generations of school children on the path to success and fulfillment of their potential; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a man of Billy Joe Sander's stature walks among us, and it is important that he should be honored for his lifetime of achievement and service to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Billy Joe Sanders of Hardeman County and his lovely wife Sandy our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Sanders with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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